

## **Indiana Extended Benefits Frequently Asked Questions**

*(Updated March 17, 2009)*

### **What are Indiana Extended Benefits (EB)?**

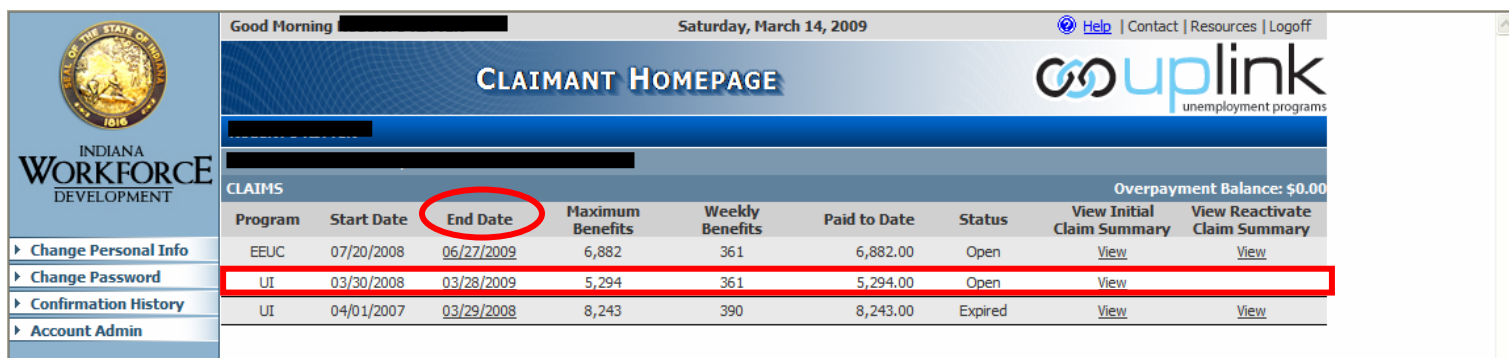
EB provides eligible Hoosiers up to 13 weeks of additional unemployment insurance benefits.

### **Who is eligible for EB?**

This program is only available to Hoosiers who exhausted their state and federal unemployment benefits and have a UI End Date on or after March 21, 2009. Hoosiers who might qualify for this program will receive a letter from DWD with additional instructions.

### **Where can I find my Benefit Year Ending date?**

Claimants can find the UI End Date on their homepage in the Workforce Development online filing system – Uplink.



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**CLAIMANT HOMEPAGE**

**CLAIMS** Overpayment Balance: \$0.00

Program	Start Date	End Date	Maximum Benefits	Weekly Benefits	Paid to Date	Status	View Initial Claim Summary	View Reactivate Claim Summary
EEUC	07/20/2008	06/27/2009	6,882	361	6,882.00	Open	<a href="#">View</a>	<a href="#">View</a>
UI	03/30/2008	03/28/2009	5,294	361	5,294.00	Open	<a href="#">View</a>	
UI	04/01/2007	03/29/2008	8,243	390	8,243.00	Expired	<a href="#">View</a>	<a href="#">View</a>

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### **How do I file a claim for EB?**

Once you receive a letter, you should bring that letter and a photo ID to your nearest [WorkOne Center](#). You must apply in person for this program. Applications will only be accepted Wednesday – Friday (Wednesday-Saturday in South Bend-Elkhart).

### **Will I have to file my claim in person each week?**

Only the initial application must be made in person. Weekly vouchers will be filed online through Indiana's unemployment filing system. No paper vouchers are available for EB.

### **When is the first week payable?**

The week ending March 21, 2009 is the first week eligible for payment. Initial applications will begin being taken in person at WorkOne Centers on Wednesday, March 25, 2009.

### **How long will it take to receive EB?**

Similar to when you filed your first unemployment application, it will take approximately 21 days to process your initial EB claim. Once approved, your online weekly vouchers will be paid in 1-2 days.

### **Will I continue to receive the \$25 weekly increase?**

You will receive the \$25 increase for each eligible voucher filed through the end of the year.

### **Are the work search requirements different for EB?**

You must apply for three jobs per week and maintain a work search log, looking for work no longer qualifies. Failure to apply for three jobs per week will disqualify you from EB and you will lose all future EB benefits.

**What information should I keep on my work search log?**

Your work search log should include:

Date of application

Name, address, phone number of company

Method of application (in person, online, via mail).

**Must I accept any job offers while receiving EB?**

You cannot refuse ANY work you can physically perform that pays at or above minimum wage. Any work refusal will disqualify you from EB and you will lose all future EB benefits.

**Must I accept any job if I am a union member, have a return to work date, or have a work search waiver?**

There are no work search waivers for EB. Any EB recipient who refuses any offer of work will lose their benefits.

**I have an Indiana claim, but I live in another state. Do I qualify for EB?**

Interstate claimants can receive EB if your state of residence and Indiana are both on EB. If not, then you are eligible to receive two weeks of EB benefits. 14 other states and Puerto Rico are currently on EB (Alaska, Connecticut, Idaho, Michigan, Montana, Nevada, New Jersey, North Carolina, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Washington, and Wisconsin)

**When will EB end?**

EB will end when Indiana's Insured Unemployment Rate (not the widely reported unemployment rate) 13 week average drops below 5%. At that time all EB payments will stop, even if you only received one check and qualified for 13 weeks of payments.